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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Neither Harris nor I are doing any work along the lines in which you are interested, and I would urge you to feel free to do whatever you please.

We have no evidence as to whether a random mutation is involved.

There are two other laboratories, as far as I know, that have expressed an interest in the properties of the methionine-requiring strain, and at least one of them has done some work on it. Since I don't keep ~~any~~ my correspondence these days, and my memory is not too good, I am afraid I can not supply you with the names of the workers with whom you should communicate. However, if you make inquiries of Dr. Roblin at the Research Laboratories, American Cyanamid Co., Stamford, Conn., he will be able to put your letter in the hands of the man there who has been doing work with such strains. At the U. of P. department of bacteriology there is a young chap who is associated with Sevag (not Henry), who wrote me some months ago that he was interested in the metablocci properties of such strains, and that he had obtained such strains from the American Cyanamid people. I'm sorry that my memory for names is not better.

I am writing the secretary at Durham to send you such reprints as are still available.

Best wishes, and if you eventually publish on this, send us a reprint.

Very truly yours,

Henry Kohn